Challenges in x-ray science

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Challenges



Specific setups for specific experiments



Setups



Typical solution scattering pump probe experiment Courtesy of Henrik Lemke SLAC



- (a) Diffuse scattering pattern of an aqueous solution (10 images average).
- (b) Azimuthally-averaged large dynamic range signal and measured difference signals (170 pulses average).

Challenge:

The large dynamic range signal is changed by **<<1%** after excitation with an ultrashort laser pulse.

Inverse transformation of the signal requires correct scaling of the small light induced changes throughout the entire intensity range of the scattering pattern (entire range of x-ray pulse fluctuations).

Detector needs in x-ray science...

Imaging/scattering:

- Good spatial resolution
- Dynamic range
- Fast and "smart"

Spectroscopy:

- Very high energy-resolution
- High speed

...other common needs

- Efficiency and sensitivity
 - Good entrance window for soft x-rays
 - High stopping power material for hard x-rays
- Fast
 - Detector speed (temporal resolution)
 - Readout speed (frames/second)
- Large solid angle (large area)
 Scalability
- Radiation tolerant
- Easy to use

Source dependent constraints





Photons arrive at once Information per pulse

Storage Rings



Continuous source Information by accumulation



Yibin Bai et al, Teledyne Imaging Sensors: Silicon CMOS imaging technologies for x-ray, UV, visible and near infrared, SPIE Vol. 7021 (2008)

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Photon absorption depth in Silicon





Beer-Lambert law:

l(z) = e(-z/d)

at the absorption depth 63% of the photons are absorbed -> hard x-ray cameras need tick sensors 37% of the photons are not yet absorbed -> soft x-ray cameras need thin entrance windows

Silicon limitation – other sensor materials

1.0 0.8 Quantum Efficiency • **Detector Thickness** 300 µm 500 µm 1000 µm 1500 µm 0.2 2000 µm 0.0 10 50 0.2 1 Energy [keV]

Thicker silicon sensors

Other semiconductors for direct detection



From: J. Treis, MPI, Pixel 2008

http://hasylab.desy.de/instrumentation/detectors/e74464/e106206/index_eng.html

- Small improvement
- High depletion voltage
- Parallax

- Germanium (,faster than Si')
- GaAs (,faster than Si')
- CdTe, CdZnTe

Pixel detectors: two approaches

Monolithic

CCD

CMOS imagers

- CMOS Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS).
- CMOS Silicon On Insulator (SOI).

Hybrid pixel detectors

- Sensors in high resistivity silicon (i.e., Pixel Array Detectors (PAD), DEpleted P-channel Field Effect Transistor (DEPFET), Silicon Drift Detectors, X-ray Active Matrix Pixel Sensors (XAMPS)).
- Readout chip in low resistivity silicon standard IC technology.

...and combination of the above

CCDs changed the way we see the world



CMOS imagers (under development)

SOPHIAS (Riken, Japan)

Fully-Depleted SOI, 5.5-7keV, 30 um x 30 um, 1.92 Mpixel,100 e-(~1 keV), 7 Me⁻ maximum signal, 60 Hz (multiple gain)

T. Hatsui, International Image Sensor Workshop (IISW), Snowbird, Utah, USA, June 12-16, 2013.

PERCIVAL (RAL, DESY and Elettra)

back-thinned to access its primary energy range of 0.25-1 keV, 25 um x 25 um, 16 Mpixel, single-photon, 1 to \sim 10^5 (500 eV), 120 Hz (gain switching)

http://photon-science.desy.de/research/technical_groups/detectors/projects/percival/ index_eng.html

Pixel Array Detectors

It consists of a segmented sensor bonded to a dedicated integrated circuit



Image from Dectris, LTD

History:

- First developed for High-Energy Physics experiments
 - ATLAS pixel array detector
- Then for applications at synchrotrons:
 - In Europe Detector group at Paul Scherrer Institute
 - In USA Sol Gruner's group at Cornell University

Today many groups are working on that

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Typical pixel architectures

Good spatial resolution + low noise = better spatial resolution

At single photon rates interpolation may give 1 um position resolution Spectral information can be available by summing cluster charges

So far scientific CCDs (e.g. pnCCD-MPI/HLL, fCCD -LBNL)

Now low noise integrating pixel array detectors are being developed: ePix 100 (SLAC) and Moench (PSI)

ePix 100

50 um x 50 um pixel, low noise (< 50 e⁻) up to 1000 frames / s Fixed gain - 100 8 keV photon *Synchrotron Radiation News*, 27 (4), 14, 2014

MOENCH

25 um x 25 um pixel, low noise (< 40 e⁻) Different implementation with fixed gain and gain switching - from 15 12 keV photons up to 600 12 keV photons Synchrotron Radiation News, 27 (4), 3, 2014

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Figure 4: Image of a kidney stone acquired using GOTTHARD in scanning geometry using a 2 um slit to define the vertical pixel size: (a) analog image acquired with 25 um pitch strips; (b) digital image with 0.5 um virtual pixel obtained after interpolation. Details can be found in [14].

Synchrotron Radiation News, 27 (4), 3, 2014

ePix 100p









- T= ca -8 C
- Tint = 260 us
- Measured at LCLS
- Cu target and Fe foil (Ka: 8.0 keV and 6.4 keV)
- gain corrected
- 0.85 keV FWHM
 -> 99 e- ENC

ePix 100p







SSRL - Ag L line and primary 7.5 keV



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Dynamic range: the gain game?



MMPAD: range extension

AGIPD, JUNGFRAU, ePix 10k: gain switching

LPD: multiple gains

DSSC: gain compression

Mixed-Mode Pixel Array Detector (MMPAD)

Cornell University and Area Detector System Corporation



150 um x 150 um, up to 200 photons arriving simultaneously, up to 4.7 10 7 8 keV full well, 0. 86 ms read time, > 400 e⁻ noise, up to 1100 Hz (computer memory) and 200 Hz for continuous storage to disk.

Gain compression: DSSC

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DSSC – Design Parameters

Parameter	
Energy range	optimized for 0.5 6 keV
Number of pixels	1024 x 1024
Sensor Pixel Shape	Hexagonal
Sensor Pixel pitch	~ 204 x 236 μm²
Dynamic range / pixel / pulse	~5000 ph @ 0.5 keV > 10000 ph @ E≥1 keV
Resolution	Single photon detection also @ 0.25 keV
Frame rate	0.9-4.5 MHz
Stored frames per Macro bunch	800
Operating temperature	-20°C optimum, RT possible



DEPFET (G. Lutz, P. Lechner, PNSensor)

- 2x poly, 2x Al, 1x Cu
- ➤ 11 implantations



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ePix hybrid

ePIX10k module: 135k-pixel ePIX100 module: 540k-pixel



- front detector with fixed (large) hole to simplify cooling and metrology
- could use edge sensitive detectors in the center to minimize dead area
- potential use of a attenuator section in front of back detector
- front and back detector are a single camera, mounted on a single optical bench to simplify alignment and metrology

data rates and link speeds

ePIX one with 0.5Mpixel

- @120Hz 1.0Gbit/sec
- @360Hz 3.1Gbit/sec
- @500Hz 4.3Gbit/sec
- @1kHz 8.7Gbit/sec

ePIX four with 2Mpixel

- @120Hz 4.2Gbit/sec
- @360Hz 12.5Gbit/sec
- @500Hz 17.4Gbit/sec
- @1kHz 34.8Gbit/sec





ROI, read during capture



- small region of interest (ROI) is readout at high frame rate
- In every frame of the ROI another small section of the full matrix is readout

- after a number of n frames we collected n ROI frames at high frame rate
- and one full frame at low frame rate
- supporting the acquisition of a slower full frame readout is useful for to observe in "real-time" if alignment or sample properties are drifting.

triggering and read during capture



- In a hybrid pixel detector the (fully parallel) pixel circuitry can operate faster than the ASIC backend (readout) interface
- We could run the front end at higher rates than the backend and readout only selected (triggered) frames

Camera PCB level electronics and DAQ integration



- To limit the complexity of the cameras PCB level electronics one could aggregate the detector module data and hand it over via next generation high speed serial links to an Advanced Telecommunication Computing Architecture (ATCA) crates and Reconfigurable Computing Elements (RCEs) which can be located up to 20 m away from the camera head.
- The RCE nodes could perform data processing on raw data for the purpose of calibration, online visualization, event selection, binning, averaging and triggering before the final data stream is send to the DAQ system.

Sources/Moore's law

1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 10¹ 10 Computer Speed, Mflop/s (millions of operations per second) 10¹ 10¹ 10 10 10¹ DARPA (?) **Blue Gene** 10^s 10⁸ NEC Earth 10 Intel ASCI-Red 10 Cray T90 10 12 orders Cray 2 10 of magnitude Cray X-MP In 6 decades 103 Cray 1 10 CDC 6600 10 **IBM 7090** 10 10 Enia 10 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 Year

Courtesy of Oleg Shpyrko

Moore's law for CPU chips

Sources/Moore's law



Brilliance is Coherence



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Gap with Moore's law? More than Moore and 3D SLAC



Fig. 5 – 3D integration of a "More-than-Moore" photodetector with "More Moore" read-out and digital signal processing ICs (courtesy of Piet de Moor, IMEC)

Industry is already implementing 3D (and 2.5D)



Research 3D chip stack (concept). It is alternate approaches like this, rather than brute-forcing smaller transistors, / future of computer.



Figure 1: Xilinx continues to expand its leadership in all three areas.









Vertical Integrated Photon Imaging Chip



High-speed spectroscopic detectors: Maia (BNL CSIRO) P. Siddons, DOE – BES Neutron and X-Ray Detectors Workshop, 2012



Large solid angle (1.2sr) and real-time processor

Photon event (Peak height, Time-over-Threshold, detector number)

FPGA performs high-speed computation (Dynamic Analysis for deconvolution) and generates elemental maps (photon-by-photon) in real time

Obvious future path with SDDs

Can hybrid pixel array detectors play a role?

HEXID (Hyperspectral Energy-resolving X-ray Imaging Detector, BNL) - Other low noise detectors (e.g. ePix100, Moench)



Rehak et al., Nucl. Inst. Meth. A624 (2010) 260



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Courtesy of Kent Irwin Sensitivity of TES based X-ray Spectrometers at SSRL (in development) Enabling Ultra-low Concentrations (ppm)



Grating Spectrometer





*Can be significantly better, but with much lower efficiency and smaller solid angle

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TES Spectrometer Arrays



We are now deploying a 240pixel soft x-ray spectrometer array on SSRL BL-10-1

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Beamline hardware



APS 29ID IEX beamline

- 400-2500 eV
- Installed August, 2014



NSLS U7A beamline

- 200-1400 eV
- Prototype installed Dec., 2011

Studying charge order in superconductors using transition edge sensor (TES) detectors, P. Abbamonte (UIUC), D. Swetz (NIST), et al.

Short-ranged, glassy charge order – *how pervasive is it*?



There is circumstantial but widespread evidence that local charge order is pervasive in unconventional superconductors, such as copper-oxides and ironarsenides, and therefore may be integrally related to the mechanism of superconductivity. To understand this phenomenon, direct measurements of glassy charge order are needed.

Background problem in resonant soft x-ray scattering (RSXS)



The most direct way to measure charge order is RSXS, which has previously shown that that valence band order exists in both 214 cuprates, such as La_{2-} Ba_xCuO₄ and 123 materials such as YBa₂Cu₃O₇₋₈. Unfortunately, inelastic background problems prevent detection/study of short-ranged order.





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TES spectrometer Moore's Law: ~2 years doubling

1 pixel 1996







24 pixel 2004





Solid Angle x Efficiency (sr.%) 0

Resolving Power

45 pixel 2008

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240 pixel 2014

Long-term program will double solid angle & count rate every ~ two years

Challenges

Detector comprises

Sensors

Material / technology challenges

Design / technology challenges

Electronics (Front/back end)

Functionalities, power, IGR challenges

Detector produces

More and more data

Links and data reduction challenges

Methods

Setups and analysis challenges

Convergence



Thanks !

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